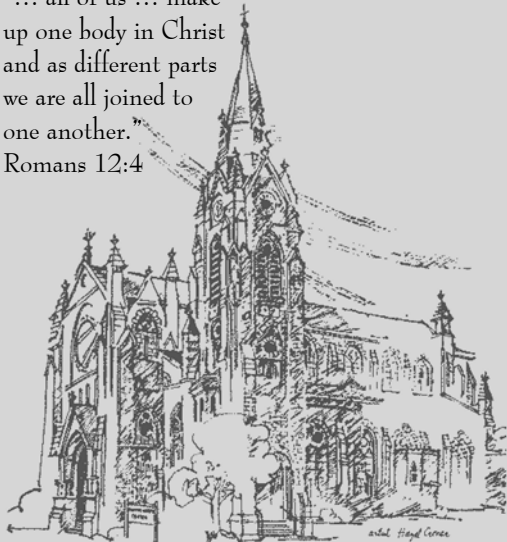


"... all of us ... make up one body in Christ and as different parts we are all joined to one another."

Romans 12:4



We who gather at Corpus Christi are called into the Body of Christ. Alone we acknowledge our incompleteness; together we experience our wholeness as a people of God. Our journey of faith opens us up to opportunities for collaborative ministry, the pursuit of justice, and the celebration of our diversity. Strengthened by the Spirit, we accept our calling to be a church that affirms the grace of our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. We acknowledge that we share in the transformation of the world through Eucharist, reconciliation, and prophetic witness to God's justice and peace."

(Corpus Christi Mission Statement 2001)

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# The Community of Corpus Christi

## *Welcome, Visitors!*

If you are visiting us, the Corpus Christi community welcomes you! Please take a moment to introduce yourself to one of our ministers. And, please, visit us again.

## *Interested in Registering?*

If you would like to register as a member of Corpus Christi parish, please pick up a registration form in the back of the church and return it to one of our ministers, the rectory, or drop it in the collection basket.

## *Mass Schedule*

Weekends: Saturday: 4:00 P.M. & Sunday: 10:30 A.M.

Weekdays: Monday–Wednesday–Friday: 12:10 P.M.

**Confessions:** Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. and by appointment

## *Corpus Christi Grocery Program*

Located at SFNC, 2405 Linden Avenue \* Baltimore, Maryland 21217

For program information or to volunteer, call 410-523-4161

## *Faith Formation for Children*

Faith Formation classes are held on Sundays, 9:15 A.M.-10:15 A.M., for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Students must have a year of faith formation before beginning sacramental preparations. If you would like more information, or to register, contact the parish office.

## *Baptism for Infants and Children*

Parishioners should call the parish office to schedule a baptismal preparation meeting. Baptismal preparation is required for first-time parents. Ordinarily, both godparents are Roman Catholic. If there is at least one Catholic godparent, a baptized Christian of another denomination may serve as a Christian Witness.

## *Anointing of the Sick*

Please notify the parish office when someone is hospitalized or homebound, and a staff member will visit. A parishioner who is ill can request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion either at the hospital or at home. When someone cannot attend mass because of illness, notify the parish office and Communion may be brought to the home.

## *Marriage*

Any couple is welcome to be married at Corpus Christi, provided at least one party is Catholic. Registration in the parish is not required. Call the parish office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding date.

## *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*

The RCIA is for non-Catholic adults who wish to become Catholic and for Catholic adults who may have been baptized but have not received other sacraments. Call the parish office for more information.

## *Parish Ministries*

Pastoral Council \* Liturgy Committee \* Children's Liturgy \* Faith Formation \* RCIA \* Artscape Weekend \* Gays And Lesbians At (GALA) Corpus Christi \* Hospitality \* Marriage Preparation \* Small Christian Communities \* and others.

## *Corpus Christi Baltimore E-mail Communication Group*

Interested in receiving parish information by email? Send your email address to Sarah Bujno at [Sarah.Bujno@archbalt.org](mailto:Sarah.Bujno@archbalt.org)

# First Sunday of Advent

November 26 - 27, 2016

## Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 37-44

Next Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15: 4-9; Matthew 3: 1-12

### Scripture Reflection

*As we begin this Advent season, we focus on the universal spiritual practice of being awake – deeply aware. It's not that we're sleeping, but that it's so easy for us to become distracted by the ordinary demands of life – especially in this holiday season. It is so easy to overlook what is truly most important, but staying alert is hard. God is always present to us; Jesus comes in many guises, many ways. If we're not alert, we might miss it all. So what will it take to keep us focused -- focused on the Lord Jesus Christ and the Kingdom?*

### Let Us Pray For Those in Need of Prayer

George Steinrock, Sr., Alfredo Panico, Sister Jane Coyle, Kim Palowitz, Michael Previdi, Gillian Riddle, Marco Glorioso, Brennan Meadows, Kenneth E. Bates, Lilian Mary Nabuline, Bob Trimble, DeWitt Crews, Dick Ullrich, Patrice Cromwell, Kim Maerkl, Kurt Berger, Valerie Dimmer, Nancy Sherri Potter, Amanda Anderson, Tony Preston, Kristine Chiong, Rufino Labindao, Arthur Weaver, Julia Smith, Eloisa Santos, Francois Smets, Thomas Klein, Mary Romano, Keith Hargraves, Rosalie Labindao, Nina McKnight, Lilia Labindao, Frazier Brice, Vivonne Cooper, Colette Danek, Sarah Delcamp, Kathleen Ward Dragovich, Judith Zoellner, Jordan Crews, Joe Pezzi, Caylee Crews, Pat Kane, Francis Saba, Sr. Jean Marie Hobbs, Mary Lou Palazzolo *Names will be listed for 6 weeks. If you would like a name listed for an additional 6 weeks, please notify the rectory).*

### This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov.26, Joseph Gallina, *deceased.*

Sunday, Nov.27, Parishioners Intentions, *living.*

Monday, Nov.28, NO 12:10 pm MASS

Wednesday, Nov. 30, NO 12:10 pm MASS

Friday, Dec. 2, NO 12:10 pm MASS \_

Saturday, Dec. 3, Josie Gildea Lesko, *deceased*

Sunday, Dec. 4, John O'Brien, *deceased.*

### Collection Update

Last Sunday's Offertory \$4,957.25: Budgeted -- \$4,524.33

Last Sunday's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - \$ 755.00

This weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection benefits our Community Outreach Programs

Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection benefits our Community Outreach Programs

Mass Attendance: 11/ 19 - 20/ 2016 – 4:00 --30 10:30 – 124

### Coming Up at Corpus Christi

Sunday, Dec. 4, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, Dec. 4, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Monday, Dec. 5, 7:30 pm	Service Committee Meeting	Rectory
Sunday, Dec. 11, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, Dec. 11, 9:15 am	Confirmation	Rectory
Sunday, Dec. 11, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Sunday, Dec. 11, 11:30 am	Hospitality	Church
Monday, Dec. 12, 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Rectory
Sunday, Dec. 18, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, Dec. 18, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Rectory
Saturday, Dec. 24, 4:00 pm	Christmas Family Mass	Church
Saturday, Dec. 24, 10:00 pm	Christmas "Midnight" Mass	Church
Sunday, Dec. 25, 10:30 am	Christmas Mass	Church
Monday, Dec. 26 – Monday, Jan. 2	Parish Office Closed – Merry Christmas!	
Saturday, Dec. 31, 6:00 pm	Wedding	Church
Sunday, January 8, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, January 8, 9:15 am	Confirmation	Rectory
Sunday, January 8, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Sunday, January 8, 11:30 am	Hospitality	Church

Visit our parish website at [www.corpuschristibaltimore.org](http://www.corpuschristibaltimore.org) for more information

## CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Each year a priest is to take a week for retreat. This year, once again, I am combining my retreat and some time off, I am looking forward to the days at sea as I have several books I want to reflect on as well as, 21 lectures based on a Franciscan retreat. So please pray for me that I might have a prayerful time – a time of rest – and a safe journey.

This weekend the church begins a new liturgical year with the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. We begin reading, once again, from the Gospel of St. Matthew. This is the Gospel that gives us the Infancy Narrative – the proclamation of the Kingdom – Jesus' mission and ministry and so much more. I would highly recommend that all of our parishioners take the time during the new liturgical year to read and to study the Gospel of Matthew.

Peace,

Fr. Marty

### Advent Wreath Greens

Thanks to those parishioners who donated greens for our Advent Wreath. Blessings be upon all of you!

### Pastor Away

The pastor will be away from Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> until Saturday morning, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Once again, he is going on a cruise out of Baltimore to the Caribbean. He will be at sea for 3 ½ days and then stop at 5 islands and then have 3 ½ days at sea to come home. This time away will give him 6 ½ days for prayer and reflection – for retreat and 5 days to relax and rest.

### Weekday Masses

Because the pastor will be away from Monday, November 28 to Saturday, December 10, there will be no 12:10 Masses during that time period. The regular 12:10 pm Mass will resume on Monday, December 12.

### Christmas Greens

Once again, the Liturgical Environment Committee is asking parishioners to donate Christmas greens – holly, various pines, magnolia leaves etc. for use in decorating the church for Christmas. Please bring the greens on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and leave them in the containers in the work sacristy. Thank you!

### Christmas Flower Memorials

We would like to offer our Christmas liturgies, including their environment, decorations and programs in memory of loved ones who have passed away. A memorial Program will be created listing the names of the individuals to be remembered and the donors. This year we would request a \$10.00 donation for each individual remembered. If you would like to participate, please fill out the "Christmas Flower Envelope", found on the table in the back of church and drop it in the collection basket no later than Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Corpus Christi Seniors Group Starts Monday, 12/5

Our seniors group will be meeting on Mondays at 10:30 am in the rectory starting December 5. All are welcome to join this member-led group that will include worship, Bible study, and creative activities. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Sarah Bujno at [sarah.bujno@archbalt.org](mailto:sarah.bujno@archbalt.org) or call the rectory at 410-523-4161 for more information.

### Food Program – Week of 11/14– 11/18, 2016

Grocery Bags	Mon	30 Bags
Lunches at the Door	Mon/Wed/Fri	62 Guests

### Grocery Bags

Bags this week were filled with the usual items – cereal, soup, vegetables, beans, tuna, rice & pasta, peanut butter and preserves. Whole Foods donated lots of bread, muffins, rolls, cupcakes and cookies. In addition to all the baked goods there was plenty of fresh fruit and natural juices.

November 28<sup>th</sup> through December 19 in addition to the regular bag of groceries, we will be giving each person a \$75 Target gift card to help our folks buy what they need for their Christmas celebration. [Instead of an extra bag of "Christmas" groceries we increased the value of the gift card so people can buy exactly what they want. We know from past experience how much the gift cards are appreciated.

### Boxes of Chocolate

For Christmas we want to give each person who receives a bag of groceries a box of chocolates along with their gift card. We will need a total of 120 boxes of Russell Stover or Whitman Samplers. The candy will be given out on November 28<sup>th</sup> through December 19<sup>th</sup>. If you can buy a box or two please drop them off in the basket at the back of church or bring them to the rectory. A box of chocolates is such an extra special and delicious thing to have for the holidays! Thanks in advance for helping out.

### Christmas Cookies for Outreach

Last year we gave out Christmas cookies to our guests who received lunch at the rectory door. They were a big hit and guests appreciated the homemade treats. We would like to continue the tradition this year during Advent. If you can share some of your holiday cookies, please place them in a plastic bag in the basket in the back of Church. We will be collecting from Sunday, November 27 through Sunday December 18.

### Faith Formation

Visit our Faith Formation Pinterest Boards at <https://www.pinterest.com/corpuschristiff/> for fun ideas and activities to help celebrate Advent in a special way with your family. You'll find a wide variety of resources!

### Children's Worship Bulletins

Our Children's Worship Bulletins are great resources to help parents teach children about Mass. Pick up a copy each Sunday on the table in the back of the church.

### Christmas Bazaar

St. Thomas Aquinas Annual Christmas Bazaar (3710 Roland Avenue in Hampden) - Great bargains on your Christmas shopping, delicious food, and our \$1000 grand raffle - Friday, Dec 2 (3-8pm) and Saturday, Dec 3 (10am-4pm).

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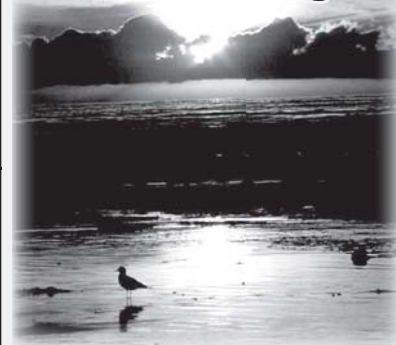


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